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Hood Canal Aquatic Rehabilitation Program
for Hood Canal Low Dissolved Oxygen

Technical Advisory Committee

Recommendations to the HCCC Board

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On September 1, 2009, the HCCC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Low Dissolved Oxygen held an all day meeting in Bremerton to discuss recommendations and next steps. The TAC adopted the following as recommendations for the HCCC Board to consider:

The goal of addressing low dissolved oxygen in Hood Canal is to remove Hood Canal from the list of impaired water bodies under the Clean Water Act and to keep it off the list. The goal is also to ensure a healthy Hood Canal watershed (freshwater and marine areas) in perpetuity.

The goal of the TAC is to develop a recommended action plan that will lead to the removal of Hood Canal from the list of impaired water bodies and will keep it off the list.

The action plan to address Hood Canal low dissolved oxygen would be nested in the HCCC integrated watershed plan.

The action plan should include the following elements:

- Measurable, numerical targets
- cost/benefit analysis and risk assessment relative to the recommended actions
- Monitoring, including compliance and effectiveness monitoring
- Identification of who will be involved and who will enforce recommended actions
- clearly articulate how the recommended actions contribute toward the program goal

The following topics will be addressed in TAC work groups:

- wastewater, including on-site septic systems
- Land use including housing, stormwater, development, and growth management
- agriculture
- forestry
- Riparian corridor health, restoration and protection
- nearshore health, restoration and protection
- Communications, public education, and outreach strategy

Schedule

By end of 2009, the TAC will have developed a detailed approach to preparing an action plan. By October 2010, the TAC will be far enough along in identifying specific tasks and activities for policy makers to use the draft action plan to seek funding.